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### EVERETT'S NOVA SCOTIAN HERITAGE

Heritage preservation seems to be a fact of our time--an indication, perhaps, of a maturing culture. In Nova Scotia, old buildings that in recent past might have been torn down without question are now preserved if they are deemed to be of historical and architectural significance.

This is desirable and appropriate, as Nova Scotia has a long history. Port Royal was settled by the French in 1605, two years before the English reached Virginia and fifteen years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth. Nova Scotians, however, also have reason to speak of their New England heritage. France gave up Nova Scotia to England in 1713, and in 1755 British troops from New England went to Nova Scotia and drove out the French inhabitants, known as Acadians. Some of the Acadians settled in the British colonies in North America and others went to Louisiana, which was then a French possession. Long-fellow's Evangeline is a romantic but sad tale based upon this dispersion of the Acadians. In 1760 a sizeable band of New Englanders sailed to Nova Scotia and settled there. A larger migration took place a few years later during the Revolutionary War, when the Loyalists, persons who remained loyal to England, sought refuge in Nova Scotia. They settled Saint John, New Brunswick, which was then part of Nova Scotia, and they were granted rights to former Acadian lands on the peninsula of Nova Scotia. Many descendants of those Loyalists still live there and sometimes refer to themselves as



"Her Majesty's Loyal Yankees."

Yet since those days there has been a constant flow of persons from Nova Scotia to New England, especially to the Boston area and such communities as Everett, since there were jobs in the "States." In Nova Scotia one often heard, "There's nothing here, boy, Go to the States." Then it often happened that later, after a homesick "Novie" had worked here as a carpenter, teamster, mechanic, farm hand, or teacher, he would return to Nova Scotia, sometimes with a Yankee bride. The advent of social security in Canada in recent years has encouraged some to settle permanently in Nova Scotia. Yet over the years migration to the Boston area has been far greater than movement in the opposite direction.

An interesting fact not mentioned in our schools is that in colonial times Nova Scotia was the fourteenth colony. It then consisted of not only what is now Nova Scotia but also New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island besides of much of eastern Maine. (The line between New Brunswick and Maine was not fixed until the 1800's.) Halifax, Nova Scotia was founded by the British as the new capital of the colony in 1749. By the time of the Revolutionary War it was one of the five leading naval bases in the British Empire, and its presence helped to preserve British rule in the Maritime Provinces. There is a tradition that during the war George Washington refused to use his forces to attack Halifax because of other priorities. Ever since the Revolution there has been a contentious though small minority who favor union with the United States. Considering our present energy problems and the other challenges of world leadership, perhaps Nova Scotia is better off as it is.



The foregoing may give some insight into the unique relationship between Nova Scotia and New England. In some cases it is a blood relationship, as here in Everett and elsewhere in the Boston area there are persons who have relatives in Nova Scotia. Everett has been a leading community in this across-the-border relationship, but in recent years Framingham and other outlying communities have taken the lead in attracting space-loving Nova Scotians. Perhaps the green hills reminiscent of home which one finds farther out have something to do with this change.

There is no established source of information about the individuals and families who have come to Everett from Nova Scotia. The following accounts are based on the author's own research on the Nova Scotians who have migrated to Everett over the years. There are probably many persons who would like to be added to this record, and the Everett Historical Society would be glad to get their stories.

1. Gladys Parker, 23 Hamilton Street, was born in Chelsea on April 24, 1906 but came to Everett before she was a year old. Her father and his parents were from Newport, Rhode Island. Her father, who was born in 1872, settled in Everett when he was a young man.

Miss Barker's mother, Emma Anderson Barker, was born in Dalhousie West, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia on May 4, 1866. The Andersons are still well known in the Dalhousie-Bridgetown area. Mrs. Barker died in 1927 at the age of sixty-one.

Gladys Barker has a sister, Mildred Vars, who lives in Windham, New Hampshire. She also had two brothers, Harold and Arthur. Harold was a trumpet player and a very fine cabinet maker. He worked with Lester Card, the brother of Chester Card, who



is mentioned below. Harold married in later life, but Arthur remained single. Both men died years ago.

2. Salome L. MacKay Bell (Mrs. Joseph Bell) was born on September 8, 1905 in Churchville, near New Glasgow, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. She came to Everett in the early 1930's, and it was here that she met Joseph Bell. In recent years the Bells have spent much of their time in Florida and at their home in New Hampshire.

Joseph Bell was born in Chelsea on May 11, 1902. Well-known in Everett, he has most recently been associated with Guy G. Peluso & Sons of Revere. While wintering in Florida, Mr. Bell is often sought out by his friends from Everett. The Bell home is at Lexington Street and Hall Avenue.

3. Ethel Maud Bickford (Mrs. Carroll Bickford), 29 Richdale Avenue, was born in in Everett of parents who were natives of Nova Scotia. Her father, George Douglas Gesner, was born in Bellisle, near Bridgetown, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia. The Gesners have been prominent citizens in the Annapolis valley for several generations. Their ancestors went to Nova Scotia from New York in colonial times.

Mrs. Bickford's mother, Mary Ella Mack Gesner, was from an outstanding Bridgetown family, the Macks, who are still prominent in business and social affairs there. Mrs. Bickford's mother had a brother, Thomas, and a sister, Nora, who married Harry Egan, a man in the shoe repair business. The Eigans are still active in business and in the arts and social affairs in Bridgetown.

4. Muriel Bradford (Mrs. Al Bradford), 61 Albion Street, came to this country from Nova Scotia in July, 1926. She was born in Woodside, near Dartmouth, on January 12, 1921. Her father,



John Philip Lee, was a pipe fitter who lived in Halifax before coming to the United States in the 1920's. After moving here he worked for the Beacon Oil Company. He had ten children, seven of whom were born in Nova Scotia, the other three in Everett. Muriel Bradford was his sixth child.

Mrs. Bradford's mother, Mary MacKenzie Lee, was born in Halifax and was in her thirties when she and her husband and children moved here. The story goes that the customs authorities were concerned about how this young mother with seven children would fare in a strange land, but their anxieties were allayed. Mrs. Bradford believes, however, that her mother was never entirely happy away from the familiar scenes and places of Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Bradford graduated from Everett High School in 1939. While in high school she met her future husband, Ellsworth (Al) Bradford. They were married in 1944. Al Bradford is well known as an expert floor refinisher.

5. Louise Ells Burke (Mrs. Robert Gordon Burke), 59 Chatham Road, was born in Everett, but her immediate ancestors came from "Apple Valley," according to her understanding. Presumably this name referred to the Annapolis valley in Annapolis County, where the Ells name is known. Mrs. Burke's father, Harry Hartley Ells, was a Nova Scotian. Her maternal grandmother was a Ross who married a Locke (both Scottish names). Mrs. Burke graduated from Everett High School in 1926. She is a loyal employee (now part-time) at the Whidden Hospital. She receives frequent visits from her devoted grandchildren, which is a great comfort, since she lost her husband a few years ago. Her late husband's father, Sinclair Toronto Burke, was born in Prince Edward Island, but his mother was a Nova Scotian.



6. Chester Harvey Card, 742 Broadway, was born on Jefferson Avenue in Everett on December 20, 1894. At that time Woodlawn was like a village off by itself, and Mount Washington Hill, where the Whidden Hospital is located, closed off the view to the south. Mr. Card's father, Mitchener Louis Card, was born in Canning, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, on July 4, 1867. His mother was from Saint John, New Brunswick. Mr. Card's wife was also born in Everett but her forebears were from Prince Edward Island.

For many years Mr. Card was a model maker for Sylvania Corporation and the American Optical Company, doing very careful precision work. Before going to work for those firms he was employed by his wife's father as a maker of ornamental lanterns. Mr. Card is also active in the arts. He is known as a musician and conductor, and he still leads a band in Melrose. He carves intricate wood figures which have been displayed at the Everett Armory and other places. He is also skilled with the artist's brush and is active in the Everett Arts Association, of which he is a charter member.

7. Mary Gesner Clark, 80 Linden Street, was born in Everett of parents who came from the Bellisle and Dalhousie areas of Annapolis County, Nova Scotia. She is the sister of Mrs. Carroll Bickford, who was mentioned above. Mrs. Clark graduated from Everett High School and from Boston University in 1927. She later earned her masters degree at Boston University. Mrs. Clark was a teacher and was also principal of the Hancock School. She is an active member of the Everett Historical Society and gives her support to other worthwhile organizations in Everett.

8. Ruth Coldwell, 26 Cottage Street, was born in Walbrook, Nova Scotia on December 5, 1916. She came to Everett from Melanson, Nova Scotia, which



is near Wolfville. In December, 1923, at the age of seven, Miss Coldwell's mother, Clyda May Miner Coldwell, was born in Gaspereau, Kings County, Nova Scotia. One of Miss Coldwell's maternal ancestors (whose name, Bullman, was changed to Miner) was said to have been knighted for his heroic rescue efforts in a mine disaster. Could this account for the change of name?

For over fifteen years Miss Coldwell has served as a nurses aid at the Whidden Hospital. She now carries on this work on a parttime basis.

9. Alma Comeau, 15 Wall Street, came here in 1936. She was born in Spring Haven, Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia, on August 18, 1910. Mrs. Comeau, who was married in Saint John, New Brunswick, has a son and a daughter. Her daughter is a graduate of Jackson College of Tufts University, and her son has spent many years in the foreign service. In her younger years Mrs. Comeau was a school teacher who taught all the grades from the first grade to high school. Her father's name was Formen Doucette, and her mother's maiden name was Muise. These names are suggestive of the Brittany French, a people of Celtic origin who were the first European settlers in Nova Scotia. Mrs. Comeau is a member of the Everett Garden Club and the Everett Historical Society.

10. Helen Marion Corcum Cook (Mrs. Allan Cook), 163 Jefferson Avenue, was born in Woodlawn. Her parents were born in this country, but her paternal grandfather, Levi Corkum (later changed to Corcum) came from Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia. There is a family tradition that he fought in our Civil War, presumably on the Union side. Mrs. Cook's mother's line was composed of old Yankees, and included such names as Helen Edwards (for whom Mrs. Cook is named) and Roberts. Mrs. Cook's husband, Allen, was also

born in Woodlawn.

11. Theresa Elanda Neville Cooney (Mrs. John A. Cooney), 14 Autumn Street, was born in Sydney, Cape Breton County, Nova Scotia on November 30, 1930. Her mother, whose maiden name was Kelley, was from Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, and her father, Charles Neville, was from Sydney and was of Irish descent. Mrs. Cooney has a half-sister, Mary M. O'Keefe, who lives nearby and a brother, Michael Neville, who makes his home in Brookline.

Mrs. Cooney's husband was born in Newfoundland on October 27, 1927. He has been employed by the Revere Sugar Refinery for close to a dozen years. He is known for his ability at carpentry and odd jobs. The Cooneys moved to Everett in December, 1960.

12. Frank E. Crowell, who lived at 55 Fuller Street, was born in Everett on July 6, 1909. His father came here from Glenwood, near Argyle in Yarmouth County, when he was seventeen years old. He died in 1912 at the age of twenty-nine. His mother, whose maiden name was Williamson, was fourteen or fifteen years old when she came here from Maplewood, near New Germany in Lunenburg County. Her mother was a Spidel and was of German descent.

After graduating from Everett High School Mr. Crowell went to work for the Everett Trust Company, which later became the Middlesex County National Bank, and still later Bay Bank/Middlesex. His career with the bank was interrupted by service in World War II. He retired in 1974. Mr. Crowell died in the summer of 1981, not long after having attended his high school reunion.

13. Ray Percival Elliott, former chief of the Everett Fire Department, was born on Marie Avenue. His parents came from the Hampton-Port Lorne area on the Bay of Fundy in Annapolis County, Nova



Scotia. Mr. Elliott was the next-to-youngest of four boys, who were raised by their mother, Eudavilla Mitchell Elliott. All four boys attended Everett schools, and they worked to supplement the family income. This early assumption of responsibility served them well in their later years. The youngest brother, Bradford Valentine Elliott, was formerly chief of the Everett Police Department. The oldest brother, Lester, was in his later years the head of the city's water department. The fourth brother, Oscar, was a successful insurance man and a member of the Common Council. Their mother and Ida May McGowan, the mother of the author of this article, were sisters.

14. Frank Leslie Golding, 63 Lynn Street, was born in Beverly on September 7, 1908. His father, Clarence Fuller Golding, was born in Nova Scotia; presumably his ancestors were English. His mother, Lois Cavanaugh Golding, was also born in Nova Scotia, probably in Yarmouth County. The name Cavanaugh suggests Irish ancestry on her father's side. Two of Mr. Golding's three sisters are still living. One sister, Mrs. Pearl Appleby, lives in Sacro Plaza on School Street with her daughter. Another sister, Mrs. Jeanette MacLeod, lives in Beverly. His deceased sister, Hilda Westlake, operated a beauty parlor in the Howard Building. She was the mother of Dr. John L. Westlake, a podiatrist who had an office in the Howard Building. Mrs. Westlake had a special interest in the Tantramar Marshes that form an isthmus between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Mr. Golding is now retired from the John Carter Paper Company, where he held the position of vice president in charge of sales.

15. Helen Goodwin (Mrs. Orlando Rae Goodwin), 78 Waverly Street, was born in East Boston on October 14, 1921 and came to Everett with her family

in 1926. Her father and mother both were born in Nova Scotia. Her father, Joseph F. Atwood, was born on June 23, 1895 in a small agricultural and fishing community called Atwood's Brook, in Shelburne County. He served in the Canadian Army in World War I and later worked as an engineer on public health boats in Boston Harbor. Mrs. Goodwin's mother, Lina Smith Atwood, was born in Doctor's Cove, also in Shelburne County. Mrs. Atwood died in 1953 at the age of fifty-nine.

Mrs. Goodwin's husband, Orlando Goodwin, was born on March 2, 1919 in Argyle, Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia. He came here in 1937. The Goodwins were married in 1946 at the Glendale Baptist Church. At one time Mr. Goodwin worked at Woodlawn Cemetery, where he was known as a greenhouse specialist. More recently he has served as foreman and consultant at Glenwood Cemetery. He has a knowledge of plant life few persons can match. Mrs. Goodwin was a teller at Middlesex Bank for many years and is well known in local business and professional circles.

16. Edwin Arnold Hamilton, 8 Sherman Street, was born in Ipswich on March 23, 1906 but has lived in Everett since 1935, with time out for service in World War II. As a youngster he spent his summers in Italy Cross, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, with his maternal grandparents. His mother was born in Italy Cross, while his father's birthplace was in the Windsor area. On his mother's side his ancestry goes back to Jean Baptiste Moreau, a Catholic priest who went to Nova Scotia from Brittany. Moreau later married and served three Protestant denominations in Lunenburg County. Mr. Hamilton is his only known descendant in Everett. Mr. Hamilton graduated from Ipswich High School in 1923 and from Burdett College in Lynn in 1925 and received three additional years of training in accounting at Boston University. He worked for Touraine Paint



Company, and though he is now retired, he is still called back to Touraine on occasion. Mr. Hamilton is a bachelor.

17. Ada M. Harris, 66 Main Street, was born in Winthrop in 1907. She has lived in Everett for more than ten years. Her mother, Olivia Cleveland, one of fifteen children, was from Margaretsville on the Bay of Fundy. Her grandfather, Joseph Cleveland, was a sea captain. He married Hephzibah Harris, known as Aunt Hephsey. Mrs. Harris's great-grandparents were Clevelands, Harrises, Bakers, and Sandfords, all of Nova Scotia. (President Cleveland's immediate ancestors came from Nova Scotia, but we do not know of any connection between his ancestors and Mrs. Harris's forebears.)

Mrs. Harris remembers riding through Everett on the Revere Beach Parkway long before there was a Sweetser Circle. She also remembers "Sandy Beach," beyond the present site of Avco, where many youngsters used to disport themselves without a stitch of cover. Called the Everett Municipal Bathing Beach, it was down a steep embankment from the Parkway.

Mrs. Harris would like to know more about Everett history because, as she mentions with pride, her father's people, the Blaneys, lived here and fought in the War for Independence. It is a matter of record that an illustrious Captain Blaney fought in the Revolutionary War and lived in the area now known as Everett Springs.

18. Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hedley, 152A Jefferson Avenue, are both of Nova Scotian descent. Mr. Hedly's grandparents came from Ingonish, Nova Scotia. His grandmother's maiden name was MacLeod, a common Scottish name. Mr. Hedley's father was born in Rhode Island, his mother in Boston.

Mrs. Hedly, whose first name is Jean, is the daughter of Walda Atkinson, born Walda Thomas, who came to Everett in the early 1920's from Thomasville, in Shelburne County. Loyalists from the colonies established a settlement in Shelburne County during the Revolutionary War; like the county, the settlement was also named Shelburne. The Loyalists who went there nearly perished in what proved to be an indifferent if not hostile environment. Few of the original elaborate houses in the settlement now remain.

Mrs. Hedly attended the public schools in Everett. Her mother, Mrs. Atkinson, died in 1978.

19. Charlotte Greek Ivey (Mrs. George H. Ivey), 15 Beacon Street, was born in Blue Rock, a suburb of Lunenburg, in Lunenburg County, on November 15, 1917. Her father, Arthur W. Greek, was a fisherman. Her mother, Eva Mabel Tanner, was also a native Nova Scotian. Mrs. Ivey's twin sister, Anne, lived in Everett at one time and married Ken Webber, an attorney. The Webbers moved to Washington, D.C. in 1956.

Mrs. Ivey's husband, George, was born in Alliston on April 19, 1920, but his father, Harold C. Ivey, was from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Harold Ivey served in the famous Black Watch of Highlanders in World War I. The Highlanders wore kilts and were known for their bravery. The Germans called them "Ladies from Hell."

20. Walter Cecil Johnson, 17 Arlington Street, was born in Cambridge on October 13, 1905. His father, John J. Johnson, was born in Nova Scotia at Salmon River. There are at least two places by that name in Nova Scotia, but Mr. Johnson, who is now deceased, believed his father may have come from the Salmon River in Colchester County near Truro. A tidal bar is in on the



Salmon River from the Bay of Fundy tides, a high wall of water that is a notable tourist attraction.

Mr. Johnson's mother came from Hudson, New Hampshire. His wife, the former Mary E. Day, was born in Everett. The Johnsons were married more than forty years ago in the Immaculate Conception Church. Mr. Johnson was usually called by his middle name, Cecil.

21. James S. Johnston, 251 Elm Street, was born on March 24, 1915 in Glace Bay on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia. In this area was the home of the legendary giant MacAskill, known for his size and strength, who was associated with the mid-geet Tom Thumb. Mr. Johnston's father, Murdock J. Johnston, was born on December 20, 1891 and died in Everett in July, 1961. His mother, Dorothy Evangeline MacDougal Johnston, was born in 1894 and makes her home at 11 Prospect Street. Both of Mr. Johnston's parents were born in Glace Bay. Mr. Johnston has a sister, Dorothy, who is married to Richard Curnane, who recently retired as principal of the Parlin Junior High School.

Mr. Johnston's wife, Helen May Deane Johnston, was born in Everett at 16 Foster Street. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were married in Lynn on September 2, 1950. Mrs. Johnston's mother, Susan Maria Baskin, came from Donegal, Ireland. Her father, who died in 1935, was employed at the Atlantic and Pacific warehouse in Somerville.

22. Frances Madeline Killeen, who has lived in Everett for many years, was born in Winchester on May 20, 1929. Both of her parents were Nova Scotians. Except for brief sojourns elsewhere, her father, Thomas William Almon, spent his life in Glace Bay on Cape Breton Island. Mrs. Killeen's

mother, Mrs. Isabel Marshall, now lives in Vancouver.

23. Lawrence W. Lester was born in Everett on April 26, 1909. He is a graduate of Everett High School, Burdett College, and the evening school of business and finance of Northeastern University. A certified public accountant, Mr. Lester is now retired from his job as an auditor.

Mr. Lester's mother, Minnie Warner Lester, was born in Alton, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, on June 4, 1884 and lived there until her home was destroyed by fire. She moved to Everett early in this century and lived on Springvale Avenue, around the corner from her sister's home on Elm Street. Her future husband, a native of Somerville, was also living on Elm Street at the time. Perhaps we can understand how that romance got started.

24. Myrtle McKenna Lester, the wife of Lawrence W. Lester, was born in Everett. She attended local schools and later studied at the Chandler School in Boston. Her father, Sidney L. McKenna, was born in Lockeport, Shelburne County, Nova Scotia and came to Everett as a young man. He was employed by the George Hawley Company, a shipbuilding firm in Neponset, and was active in the First Baptist Church. He died at the age of eighty-one. Mrs. Lester's mother, Alice A. Ramsey McKenna, was born in Stewiake, Nova Scotia.

25. Mr. and Mrs. Lauchlin John MacKenzie, 1 Mitchell Road, Lynnfield, lived at 79 Clinton Street in Everett from 1939 to 1954. Mr. MacKenzie was born in Malagawatch, near Orangedale, Capt Breton, Nova Scotia on April 5, 1891. His wife, Edith Nickerson MacKenzie, was born on May 24, 1908 in Clark's Harbor on Cape Sable Island off the southwestern tip of Nova Scotia. Mrs. MacKenzie came to Medford when she was three



years old. She has a sister who lives in Wilmington, another sister in California, and a brother who lives in the Northwest.

Mrs. MacKenzie's mother, Annie Trefry, was from Fowey on the southern coast of England. Her father, Walter Garfield Nickerson, was born at Clark's Harbor on May 29, 1883. He died here in Everett in 1930 at the age of forty-seven.

26. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Mallett, 32A Summer Street, were both born in Nova Scotia. Mr. Mallett was born in Yarmouth in January, 1907 of French Acadian ancestors. His wife, Pauline, was a Boudreau from the Clare district (Comeauville or Saulnierville) between Digby and Yarmouth.

Mr. Mallett came to Everett at a very young age. He attended elementary school in Everett, then went to Boston College High School. He then attended Boston College and Boston College Law School. Until his retirement several years ago Mr. Mallett taught mathematics and other subjects at Everett High School. In recognition of the length and quality of his service to the school and the city, he received a message of commendation from the city. Mrs. Mallett is devoted to her home, to Mr. Mallett, and to her church. She also makes a delicious fish chowder.

27. Gordonne E. McGowan, the author of this article, was born in Bridgetown, Nova Scotia on December 30, 1906. He came to Everett in August, 1917 to join his mother and two sisters at 175 Ferry Street. He graduated from Everett High School, Burdett College, and the Lincoln School of Liberal Arts of Northeastern University. In 1939 he graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic. He taught anatomy and related subjects at Palmer in 1946 and 1947 and also wrote a thesis entitled "Chiropractic in World Events," which, in addition to other requirements he met, qualified him for the

Philosopher of Chiropractic degree. He resigned from the Palmer faculty in 1947 and began his practice in Everett. With his wife, Dr. Ruth F. McGowan, he is licensed in Massachusetts and Maryland. Dr. McGowan is retired from active practice but continues to serve on the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

28. Mr. and Mrs. Loring E. McGowan, 17 Autumn Street, Everett, are both natives of Nova Scotia. Mr. McGowan was born at Carleton Corner, Bridgetown, Annapolis County on July 22, 1894. After a brief period of schooling in Carleton Corner, he went to work as a lumberman in northern Maine, riding the logs and working in saw mills. It was a rough life, and while riding the logs he sometimes found himself immersed in freezing water. He found time to study, however. After business courses in Maine, particularly at Show Business College in Bangor, he came to Massachusetts to join his family and further his education. In 1923 he graduated from the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance. He is now retired from the Revere Sugar Refinery Company, where for years he was property accountant. He is known for his conservative economics and liberal philosophy.

His wife, Frances Fowler McGowan was also born in Bridgetown. Her father, Frank Fowler, was descended from Fowlers who were early settlers in New York City. Among his ancestors also was the De la St. Croix family. They were French Huguenots who gave their name to St. Croix Cove on the Bay of Fundy and the St. Croix River that separates New Brunswick from Maine. Mrs. McGowan is a registered nurse who received her training in Jersey City. She practiced nursing for many years both before and after her first marriage to a career Navy man. Her first husband died a dozen years after the birth of their second daughter, and in 1960 she married Mr. McGowan. They lived in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania for a year or so after their marriage,



then moved to Everett and settled in the old McGowan home on Autumn Street. Mrs. McGowan is an honorary member of the Everett Arts Association.

29. George Frederick McKinnon, 142 School Street, was born in Everett on May 21, 1916. His father, William Francis McKinnon, was born in Prince Edward Island, but his mother, Isabelle Grace Davis McKinnon, was born in Nova Scotia. Both of Mr. McKinnon's maternal grandparents were Nova Scotians. Mr. McKinnon's wife, Josephine, came from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Mr. McKinnon is the proprietor of McKinnon's Market in Everett Square. His father owned and operated a meat market where the Everett Springs Market is now located at the corner of Ferry and Cottage Streets. He served the residents of that neighborhood for many years. Mr. McKinnon grew up in the business and inherited his father's admirable personal and business principles. The same can be said of his brother, William Francis McKinnon, the former owner of McKinnon's on the Hill. William was born on November 4, 1913; like his brother, he was born in Everett. There were two younger brothers, Russell Albert McKinnon and Carl Robert McKinnon. Russell was born in 1919 and died about ten years ago. Carl died in 1952 at the age of thirty. William also suffered the loss of a handsome and promising son.

30. Ernest Byron McLellan, 158 Chelsea Street, was born on December 18, 1899 in Pugwash, Nova Scotia. That is the place where during the McCarthy era industrialist Cyrus Eaton held his famous international conferences in which controversial world leaders participated. Mr. McLellan came to Everett in 1922 and went into

the automotive repair business with his older brother "Dick," whose full name is Robert Dakin McLellan and who was born on January 28, 1895, also in Pugwash. Their paternal ancestors were Scottish. Their mother, whose maiden name was Clay, was from Prince Edward Island and was of English descent. Their father was born in Wallace, a short distance from Pugwash. Both of those communities are on the Northumberland Strait. Ernest McLellan and his wife live in Malden. Dick McLellan is a bachelor.

31. Robert E. Melvin, 117 Central Avenue, is chief of the Everett Fire Department. He is of Nova Scotian ancestry on his mother's side. His mother, Edna Glazebrook, lived in Herring Cove (now Armstrong) near Halifax. Chief Melvin's mother had two brothers. Archibald had health problems and died in 1923. Charles died in France in World War I. The square at Arlington and Ferry Streets, near the family home, is named for Charles.

32. Roderick F. Moore, 6 Emery Street, was born on June 3, 1913 in North Sydney, Nova Scotia. His father was Robert Criston Moore, and his mother was Mary Ann McKinnon Moore. Both were from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Mr. Moore was four years old when he came here with his family in 1917. That was during World War I, when boat passage was endangered by German submarines.

Mr. Moore has two brothers and two sisters. One brother, Robert C. Moore, lives in Alabama, and the other brother, Lawrence M. Moore, resides in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. His sister Ethel Quigley lives on Cottage Street in Everett, and the other sister, Hazel Murphy, makes her home in West Roxbury.



33. Beulah Murphy was born in Clarks Harbor, Shelburne County in 1898. Her father built and operated the Clarks Harbor View Hotel, which he managed successfully until 1921. The building still stands as a landmark on Cape Sable Island. Mrs. Murphy came to East Boston from Nova Scotia in 1932, and sometime after that she married Mr. Murphy of the Murphy Funeral Home on Broadway.

34. Leonard Eugene Neily, who lived at 24 Oliver Street, was born in Torbrook Mines, Nova Scotia on September 22, 1897. He died in November, 1968 at the age of seventy-one. Mr. Neily received the bachelor of science degree from Nova Scotia Technical College in 1923. He came to Everett in the 1920's and in the 1930's married into a well-known Everett family. For several years, as a sideline, Mr. Neily was engaged in the overhead garage door business with Loring E. McGowan, and proved himself an effective salesman. Both men enjoyed this work and were pleased to have many satisfied customers. Mr. Neily is survived by his wife Gertrude and his daughter Muriel.

35. Claude Nickerson was born in 1905 in Clarks Harbor, Cape Sable Island, Shelburne County. He still owns property there. Until his retirement Mr. Nickerson was the distinguished floor attendant in uniform at the Middlesex Bank. As guard he not only maintained order but was able also to direct customers to the proper teller, department, or official for the conduct of their business. He was familiar with mechanical functions in the bank building from basement to roof and was sometimes called on in emergencies to solve equipment problems. In brief, he knew the bank and a great deal about banking itself.

36 Mary Rebecca Moors Papa (Mrs. Jerry L. Papa), 135 Central Avenue, was born in Saugus on September 12, 1909, but her mother's birthplace was Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Mrs. Papa's

parents first settled in East Boston when they came to this country. (In earlier days many Nova Scotian families went to East Boston to work at the shipyard of the famous Donald MacKay, of the well-known "Flying Cloud.") Mrs. Papa met her future husband when both were students at the Albert N. Parlin School. Her father, Captain Moors, a seafaring man, was born in Saint John, New Brunswick and died in 1928. Her mother, who was born in 1878, lived until 1951. Mrs. Papa's husband was born in Newark, New Jersey and moved to Everett at an early age. The Papas made frequent trips to Nova Scotia, where Mr. Papa evidently feels quite at home after all these years.

37. Charles Pelrine was born in Cambridge, but his father came from Nova Scotia, from a place called Antigonish, the seat of Antigonish County. (Nearby is a community called Ohio, the name perhaps an indication of where its first settlers came from. There is a South Ohio in Yarmouth County, causing one to wonder if some Ohio people moved east instead of west.) Mr. Pelrine's mother's people came from France, but Mr. Pelrine did not know which part. He was well aware that some ancestors lived in Brittany, the home land of the original Acadians.

Mr. Pelrine passed away last year. Mrs. Pelrine, whose first name is Helen, is a member of the well-known Hogan family here in Everett. Mrs. Julia Rich Hogan is her sister-in-law.

38. Catherine A. Phelen was born in Everett at her present address, 11 Fairlawn Street. She is the daughter of James Nicholas Maddox, who was born on February 9, 1880 in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. James Maddox was the son of Matthew and Catherine Cavanaugh Maddox (originally Maddix). Grandfather Maddix was a fisherman, and he also ran a ferry to Arichat Island (Isle Madame) off



the coast. More than once he rowed Alexander Graham Bell to his summer home in Baddeck on Bras d'Or Lake. Grandfather Maddix's family came from Ireland to Nova Scotia by way of Newfoundland, where he was born. He died in March, 1940 at the age of ninety-four.

Mrs. Phelan's father came to Boston in 1907 or 1908. He was employed at the Coke Works, which was in Everett on the Mystic River, then as a car inspector with the Boston and Maine Railroad and later with the Boston and Albany line. He married Victoria DeYoung (originally Deon) on June 21, 1910. They met here but were married in Nova Scotia. Mrs. Phelan's Deon ancestors came from St. Malo in Normandy. Mrs. Phelan's mother was born on December 4, 1885 in Pomquet, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, the daughter of Angelique Landry DeYoung and Joseph DeYoung. Mrs. Phelan's maternal grandparents were born in Pomquet, and both lived into their nineties.

39. Ethel Romsey, 651 Broadway, was born on November 19, 1881 in Londonderry, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. (Londonderry was formerly known as Acadia Mines.) She came here in 1906 and in 1914 married George L. Dunbar. Her father, Malcolm Doherty, was born in Prince Edward Island. Her mother, whose maiden name was Fleming, was married to a Mr. Loomer prior to her marriage to Malcolm Doherty. Mrs. Romsey is more than ninety years old, but until recently she has been out every day for lunch at the Armory and for games and other entertainments there.

40. Oscar Ross, 448 Ferry Street, was born on January 11, 1892 in Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia. He is ninety-eight but his telephone voice is that of a youth. His wife Florence was born in Chelsea on January 6, 1896. She has made

42. Herbert Spencer, 18 Maplewood Avenue, was born in Mira Gut, on the Mira River near Glace Bay, on October 31, 1912. He came here from Nova Scotia with his parents in 1927. Since 1933 Mr. Spencer has operated a service station. His station is an imposing structure at 153 Ferry Street across from Pleasantview and Villa Avenues. He studied engineering at Northeastern University. For years he led a Boy Scout troop, and he is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Everett.

He is a member of the Palestine Lodge AF and AM and Aleppo Temple, and is also a member of the First Federated Parish in Everett Square. Mr. Spencer's wife, Ethel, is from Somerville and has no known Nova Scotian connection.

43. Mr. and Mrs. Webster Spinney, 23 Webster Street, have been in this area for many years. Although originally from New Brunswick, Mr. Spinney graduated from Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, then came here to study music at the New England Conservatory. Until he retired he was a professional string bass player with Arthur Fiedler and with the Reading and Melrose Symphony Orchestras.

Mrs. Spinney was born in Brookline. Her father was from Knowelville, New Brunswick, but her mother came from Central Argyle, Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia. Like others in that area, her mother's people were seafarers. Her uncle was a sea captain.

44. Eleanor M. Thompson, who for over fifty years resided at 114 Union Street and now lives in the Beachmont section of Revere, was born in Everett on February 12, 1916. Her father, Arthur Franklin Thompson, was born in Halifax, Nova



Scotia on January 2, 1875. In his early years he was a fisherman but later became a painter. He came here about 1912, after his marriage to Alice May Crosby, Miss Thompson's mother, who was born in Halifax on October 8, 1880. She died in Everett several years ago.

Miss Thompson's paternal grandfather was a cooper, or barrelmaker, a popular occupation in an apple-growing industry. Her maternal grandmother was said to have been born in Scotland.

Miss Thompson graduated from Everett High School in 1934. Her brother, Harry L. Thompson, was born on March 24, 1898 and graduated from Everett High School in 1916.

45. Mary O. Hayden Tibbetts (Mrs. Frank A. Tibbetts), 23 Fairlawn Street, was born in Digby, Nova Scotia on June 10, 1919. Her father, Harry B. Hayden was also born in Digby and worked as a fisherman most of his life. Her mother, Josephine Beman Hayden, was born in New York City but went to Digby when she was eighteen to take care of her aging grandmother. Mrs. Tibbetts' husband, Frank, was born in Everett on March 13, 1914. His family came from Dover Foxcroft, Maine.

46. M. Jean Trask (Mrs. Oland Trask), 41 Glendale Street, was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia on January 1, 1919. She came to Everett with her family in 1926. Her father, Murdock Roderick MacRae, was born in Green Hills, Nova Scotia, which is near New Glasgow. In Nova Scotia Mr. MacRae was a motion picture operator, but when he moved here he became an auto mechanic. He died in 1937 at the age of forty-three.

Mrs. Trask's mother, Ida Marie Hollis McRae, was born in Pugwash, Nova Scotia. Mrs. MacRae's



father, Alexander Hollis, was an undertaker and owned an oil business and general store in Pugwash.

Mrs. Trask's great-great-uncle on her mother's side was one Layton Ralston, who served as a member of the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa. That was in the early days of the confederation.

Mrs. Trask's late husband, Oland Trask, was a successful Ford salesman in Vienna, Maine, which was his birthplace.

47. Pauline VanAmburg, 15 Waverly Avenue, was born in Lower Argyle, Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia. Her father, Clifford E. VanAmburg, was a master mariner who was born in Clarks Harbor on Cape Sable Island in Shelburne County, Nova Scotia. He was born in 1878 and died in Everett in 1955. Miss VanAmburg's mother, Alice Stanlake VanAmburg, was born in Knoxford, New Brunswick in 1880. She died in Everett in 1963, having lived here most of her life.

Miss VanAmburg came to Everett when she was sixteen, and she graduated from Everett High School. A person of outstanding business ability, she worked for many years as a credit clerk at the Glendale Coal and Fuel Company in Charlestown. She is now retired.

48. Charles Wickens, 80 Madison Avenue, was born on Cape Sable Island, which is off the southwest coast of Nova Scotia in Shelburne County. The island is now connected to the mainland by a causeway built in recent years, from which the local gentry like to cast their fishing lines. Mr. Wickens, a retired security guard, has lived here for more than thirty-five years. His wife was born in Philadelphia and to her knowledge has no Nova Scotian ancestors.



49. Dawn E. Worster, 19 Bow Street, was born on Belmont Street in 1936. Her father, Walter Freeman Sonier, was born in Concord, but his father was born in France and migrated to that section of Nova Scotia which is now New Brunswick. Some of Mrs. Worster's ancestors also settled in Quebec. Some of her ancestors settled in Windsor, Nova Scotia, in 1766, others in Quebec in 1767, and others in 1768 on the Saint John River in New Brunswick. Her family has probably been in this country for at least two generations, having come, it appears, from Saulnierville in Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia. There are several variations on her maiden name, Sonier: Sonja (thought to be Hungarian), Lacouline, Saune, Saunee, and Sonia.

Mrs. Worster has one brother and two sisters, all of whom live in Wisconsin. Another brother died years ago.

50. Eva Frances Zwicker, 26 Oliver Street, was born on May 5, 1915 in Everett. Her father, Ralph Moran Zwicker, was born on January 4, 1882 at Sable River, Shelburne County, Nova Scotia. He died in Everett in 1963 at the age of eighty-one. For many years he lived at 635 Broadway. He had two brothers, Josiah Ward (who was known by his second name) and Whitman, who were also born in Nova Scotia. Many years ago Ward Zwicker lived on Summer Street at the head of Argyle.

Zwicker is an old German name on the south shore of Nova Scotia. The German families in Nova Scotia came from England under the aegis of George III (who was German) and settled in Lunenburg County, an area to which they were sent from crowded Halifax.

Miss Zwicker's mother, Eva, was born in Beverly on April 1, 1885. She was a prominent

church and club woman. Some fifty or more years she managed a hotel in Onset, Massachusetts. She died in 1978 at the age of 93.

Miss Zwicker has three sisters, Ruth, Dorothy, and Louise, and two brothers, Howard and Ralph, Jr. Ruth married the Reverend George Pike, also of Everett, who is now retired.

### CONCLUSION

In the absence of previous research, and since it was not known how many persons would respond, the decision was made to have fifty entries in this article. In truth, there are other persons whose names ought also to appear. The men and women whose stories are presented here represent only a part of the Nova Scotian community in Everett. It is clear from the foregoing accounts that the members of Everett's Nova Scotian community have greatly enriched the life of our city.